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In Re Applicati n of: Kretzschmar
Serial No.: 09/980696
Filed: October 23, 2001
For: Apparatus for Mounting and Dismounting Hoses
Onto or From Socket Pieces

Group Art Unit:

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Washington D.C. 20231

Docket No.: H01.2-10177

TRANSMITTAL LETTER

1. In regard to the above-identified application, we are submitting the attached:
Petition to Accord a Correct Filing Date with attachments; VAS Transmittal Letter; and Postcard.
2. With respect to fees:
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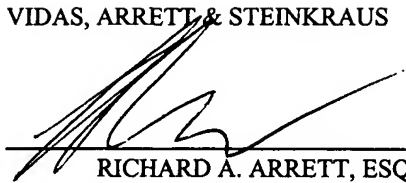
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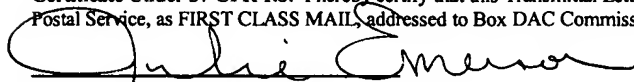
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Dear Sir:

**PETITION TO ACCORD CORRECT FILING DATE PURSUANT
TO 37 C.F.R. 1.10(d) & MPEP Sec. 513**

Background

On October 17, 2001 our office received faxed instructions from our German national client to file a national stage application for the above application before the 30th month anniversary of the priority date - i.e., October 22, 2001. Our office proceeded to prepare the necessary application documents and filed them on Friday, October 19, 2001.

At 4:50 p.m. on October 19, 2001, my assistant carried two Express Mail envelopes for deposit - i.e., No. **EV013260653US** and **EL835248846US** (for an unrelated PCT application) to the US Post Office Express Mail Dropbox located near Applicant's attorney's office at 6110 Blue Circle Drive, Minnetonka, MN. This is confirmed by the attached Express Mail Log (highlighted) for pick up by 5:00 pm. that same day. Also attached is a copy of the return post card showing deposit of the Express Mail Envelope **EV013260653US** to be October 19, 2001.

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PETITION

Applicant hereby petitions for correction of the filing date for this national stage application to be **October 19, 2001** - the date upon which the national stage application was given to the US Postal Service for pick up.

Respectfully submitted,

VIDAS, ARRETT & STEINKRAUS, P.A.

Dated: March 8, 2002

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